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**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 2011**  
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The North Providence School Committee met on September 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mrs. Reall, Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Iannetta. Also present were Superintendent Ottaviano, Mr. Henneous and Mr. Scungio. Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard, Ms. Leva, Mr. Tedeschi, Mr. McNamee, and Mr. Milazzo were present for the Regular Session only. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to go into open session at 6:00 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

**The Chair called the meeting to order.**

## **II. SALUTE TO FLAG**

**The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.**

**III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).**

**The Chair reported that there were two votes taken in Executive Session regarding Special Permission Appeals that carried by a vote of 3 to 1.**

**Next, the Chair explained that the Agenda was going to be taken out of order and that the Presentation to the Superintendent was going to be moved to the top of the Agenda.**

## **VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Presentations.**

The Chair spoke about the Superintendent's tenure in North Providence where she attended elementary school and is a product of the North Providence School System. He spoke about her selection as Superintendent of the Year. He added that there are a number of people who asked to speak. First, Mayor Lombardi spoke about Donna's commitment to the School District. Next, Superintendent Ottaviano presented Arthur Corsini with the National PTA Lifetime Achievement Award and spoke about his achievements. The Chair next recognized representatives from various organizations, including the Rhode Island Superintendents' Association; the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative; Representative Corvese, who presented a proclamation from the House of Representatives and from Senator Ruggiero; Ernest Carlucci of Congressman Cicillini's Office; the Superintendent of Lincoln, Mrs. Fortunato; Mr. Goho; Mr. Norato; Mr. Maguire; Mr. Cataldi; Mr. Iannetta and Mrs. Reall offered congratulations and recognition to Dr. Ottaviano for being chosen as the Superintendent of the Year. Speakers presented plaques, citations, and flowers to the Superintendent in recognition of her achievement. The Executive Director of the Superintendents' Association announced that Dr. Ottaviano will be honored at the National Conference in Houston with all expenses paid and that the award includes a \$1,000.00 student scholarship. Next, the Chair turned the meeting over to Superintendent Ottaviano, who thanked everyone and spoke about her involvement with the Superintendents' Association. She also announced that she is matching a \$1,000.00

**student scholarship in her father's name. The Chair announced that there would be a short recess and everyone is invited for refreshments. The meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.**

#### **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.**

**Next, the Chair moved a Use of Property Request to Address the Committee up on the Agenda. Mr. Joseph Iacifano of the Ice House spoke about his request to use the Whelan School parking lot on Fridays and Saturdays from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for**

**Valet parking. Members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments. It was the general consensus to refer the matter to legal counsel for clarification and subject to a vote.**

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-4.**

**No comments were received.**

#### **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

##### **1. Auditor's Report.**

**Mr. Civitti addressed the Committee regarding the draft reports and**

summary sheet. He spoke about the agreed upon procedures report. As a result, he stated he found no significant findings. Members of the Committee asked questions regarding the findings.

## **2. Monthly Financial Report.**

Superintendent Ottaviano announced that Mr. McNamee has been focusing on the 2012 budget and that the Report will be provided when it is complete.

## **3. Home Schooling Requests.**

Superintendent Ottaviano read the list of requests as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-09-02. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Department vote to approve the Home Schooling Requests as submitted based each request being in compliance with State Law. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, nay, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2.

## **4. Field Trips.**

Superintendent Ottaviano read the Field Trip Request and asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the Request.

**Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-09-03. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Field Trip Request as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, and Mr. Iannetta, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **5. Common Core Standards.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano referred to the information in the packets and gave an update on what the district has been involved in.**

## **6. Contract Approval.**

**The Chair asked for approval of the three contracts as presented in the packets for the Director of Special Education, the Director of Finance, and the Director of Non-Instructional Operations. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 11-09-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the Contracts for the Director of Special Education, the Director of Finance, and the Director of Non-Instructional Operations. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **7. Power IT Website Presentation.**

**This item will be presented next month.**

## **VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.**

### **1. Technology Subcommittee Report – Mrs. Picard.**

**Mrs. Picard reported that the Technology Subcommittee did not meet.**

### **2. Special Permission Appeal**

**Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard to defer the Intra District Transfer Policy discussion until the October meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follow: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **3. Braver Report & Response to B & E Report.**

**Mr. Palmieri spoke about the Braver Report. The Town had a 17% tax increase and the fact that the School Department didn't get anything. Mrs. Picard added that North Providence is the only District without a website. The Chair added that the School Department has been underfunded for years and taxes are raised and the School**

**Department gets no money. Members of the Committee concurred with the comments and focused on all the great things that are happening, including the Superintendent of the Year and national recognition for our bullying program. The Chair explained that there will be a special meeting to discuss the Report.**

#### **4. Intra District Policy – Mrs. Picard.**

**This item will be placed on the October agenda.**

#### **5. Redistributing School Lines – Mrs. Picard.**

**Mrs. Picard explained that Mr. Milazzo provided information in the packets for the Committee to review.**

### **VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE**

**No requests were received.**

### **IX. NEW BUSINESS.**

#### **1. Bids.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to award the bid for Graduation Supplies to Jostens Scholastic Solutions, Inc. for a three year contract.**



**Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Picard as to Resolution No. 11-09-08. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to award the bid for Graduation Supplies to Jostens Scholastic Solutions, Inc. for a three year contract. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **2. Retirements.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the retirement of Robert Sabetta – Maintenance Department – District-Wide Effective October 1, 2011. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 11-09-09. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve the retirement of Robert Sabetta – Maintenance Department – District-Wide Effective October 1, 2011. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **3. Leaves of Absence.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests from Allison Ambrose – Boys’ and Girls’ Head Swim Coach – NPHS Effective – 2011/2012 Season One (1 Year); Crystal Bozigian – Boys & Girls’ Assistant Swim Coach – NPHS Effective 2011/2012 Season Only (1 Year); Karyn Babcock – Middle School Science Teacher – Birchwood Middle School Paid FMLA Leave November 29, 2011 through January 4, 2012 Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective January 5, 2012 through March 15, 2012; Louis Barbato – Custodian – Marieville Elementary School Paid FMLA Leave Effective September 23, 2011 through October 7, 2011; Elaine Villari ESL Teacher – McGuire Elementary School Paid FMLA Leave Effective September 30, 2011 through November 4, 2011; Gail Wulff – Self/Contained Special Education Teacher – Birchwood Middle School Paid FMLA Leave Effective September 23, 2011 through a date to be determined. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-09-10. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve the Leaves of Absence requests as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

#### **4. Appointments.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the following appointments: Crystal**

**Bozigian – Boys' & Girls' Head Swim Coach – NPHS Effective 2011/2012 Season Only (1 Year); Carl Garland – Custodian – Greystone Elementary School (2nd Shift) Effective September 19, 2011; Melissa Anne Gilheeney – Speech/Language Pathologist – Centredale Elementary School 12th Step W/Masters Effective September 12, 2011; and Timothy Ryan – Interim Assistant Superintendent Effective September 29, 2011. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-09-11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve the appointments as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. The Chair asked the appointees to stand to receive applause and congratulations.**

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**No Old Business was presented.**

## **XI. USE OF PROPERTY REQUESTS**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests submitted which were not previously approved, based on School**

**Committee Policy, availability and the request meeting all the necessary conditions. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-09-12. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted with the exception of the Ice House Request, subject to legal counsel. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of September 2011 List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 11-09-13. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the September 2011 List of Bills in the amount of \$980,240.03. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-09-14. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the August 17 and August 24, 2011 Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-09-14. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Minutes of the August 17 and August 24, 2011 School Committee Meeting as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

#### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.**

**Public comments were received.**

#### **XV. PENDING BUSINESS**

**No pending business was discussed.**

## **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Margie Caranci,  
Recording Secretary of the North Providence  
School Committee**

**Date Submitted to Committee:**

**Date Approved by the Committee:**